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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the request for Removing the Finality of the Office Action pursuant to 37 CF.R. § 1.129(a) mailed November 17, 2000. Applicants respectfully request that this response be entered and considered on its merits.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please add the following claims: --

115. (New) A method of preparing biological samples from human individuals prior to

use in order to prevent transmission of hepatitis C virus (HCV), said method comprising:

(a) providing a supply of human biological samples; and

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